

January 14, 2010

Township Clerk Ella Ruta had sworn Board members Severino, Bischoff, Walchuk, Nace and Taibi previously.

The Board secretary called the reorganization meeting of the Union Township Planning Board/Board of Adjustment to order at 7:00 p.m. The Sunshine Statement was read. Mr. Bischoff said the record should reflect that secretary was serving as acting chairperson.

Members Present: Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Walchuk, Mr. Nace, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Ryland, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Ford, Mr. Kirkpatrick

Members Absent: Mr. Badenhause, Mr. Taibi

Election of Chairman: The Board secretary asked for a motion to elect a Chairman: A motion to elect Brian Kirkpatrick as Chairman was made by Mr. Severino. Mr. Ford seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Severino, Mr. Ford, Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Walchuk, Mr. Nace, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Ryland, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Kirkpatrick

Election of Vice-Chairman: Mr. Kirkpatrick proceeded to chair the meeting. Mr. Bischoff made a motion to elect Alan Ford as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Kirkpatrick seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Severino, Mr. Walchuk, Mr. Nace, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Ryland, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Ford

Appointment of Attorney: Mr. Bischoff made a motion to appoint Mark Anderson of the firm Woolson Sutphen Anderson and Nergaard as Attorney. Mr. Kirkpatrick seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Severino, Mr. Walchuk, Mr. Nace, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Ryland, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Ford

Appointment of Engineer: Mr. Severino made a motion to appoint Robert Clerico of Van Cleef Engineering as Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Engineer. Mr. Bischoff seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Walchuk, Mr. Nace, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Ryland, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Ford, Mr. Kirkpatrick

Appointment of Planner: Mr. Kirkpatrick made a motion to appoint the firm of Clarke Caton Hintz. Mr. Ford seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Ford, Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Walchuk, Mr. Nace, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Ryland, Mr. Kastrud

Appointment of Geologist/Hydrogeologist: Mr. Kirkpatrick made a motion to appoint the firm of Uhl, Baron, Rana & Associates, with Vincent Uhl, Hydrogeologist and Anthony Rana, Geologist. Mr. Bischoff seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Severino, Mr. Walchuk, Mr. Nace, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Ryland, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Ford

Appointment of Environmental Consultant: Mr. Ford made a motion to appoint Dr. Steven Souza as Environmental Consultant. Mr. Bischoff seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Severino, Mr. Walchuk, Mr. Nace, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Ryland, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Kirkpatrick

Official Newspaper: Mr. Kirkpatrick made a motion to use the Hunterdon County Democrat as the Official paper, with the Courier News as alternate. Mr. Bischoff seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Severino, Mr. Walchuk, Mr. Nace, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Ryland, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Ford

Official Meeting Night and Time: Workshop and Regular Meetings: Mr. Kirkpatrick made a motion to hold the Workshop Meetings the second Thursday of the month and the Regular Meetings the fourth Thursday. Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m.. Dates are set forth below. Mr. Severino seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Walchuk, Mr. Nace, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Ryland, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Ford

Following are dates for Workshops and Regular meetings.

WORKSHOPS

January - None Scheduled
February 11
March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 18
December 9

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 28
February 25
March 25
April 22
May 27
June 24
July 22
August 26
September 23
October 28
November 18
December 16

Mr. Severino asked about the transition of engineering duties. It was decided that Robert Clerico would be handling all engineering business.

Mrs. Corcoran and Mr. Ryland voiced concerns regarding Pilot Travel Center, LLC., specifically the signage. Mr. Kirkpatrick said Pilot was to maintain everything in proper working order. He said the Engineer and/or Zoning Official should be following up. Mr. Ford said there is a problem with the lights on the diesel and gasoline canopies. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that was an item Pilot was supposed to correct. Pilot does not have a final Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Bischoff asked secretary to compose a list of items that need to be corrected and draft a letter to the Engineer and Zoning Official outlining the shortcomings. A new temporary C/O should not be issued until action is taken to correct the outstanding conditions.

Mayor Severino mentioned the proposed warehouse in Franklin Township, Warren County, which would generate 700 to 1,000 trucks per day and would negatively affect Union Township. Mr. Kirkpatrick said the project would be discussed at the next Board meeting. He asked that members try to review the application at the Franklin Township Municipal Building. Mr. Severino said that a subcommittee would probably be formed to monitor the application. The subcommittee would be comprised of one member from the Township Committee, one Planning Board member and one member from UTEC. Mr. Bischoff said the cooperation of nearby municipalities would be required.

Appointment of Secretary: Mr. Kirkpatrick made a motion to appoint Grace Kocher as secretary. Mrs. Corcoran seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Walchuk, Mr. Nace, Mr. Ryland, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Ford

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Bischoff made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. (7:30 p.m.)

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried

Grace A. Kocher, Secretary